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My own precious love:-

Last night about 4 o'clock, the mail-man brought me your Thursday's letter and I can assure you, I was indeed very happy to get it. It sure made me feel good to read your wishes and if I was discouraged, it certainly passed away in a no time. It certainly was splendid of you, I am sure. I knew you would look at it as I did, so that is why I started in small, with a view of working up.

Darling mine, I am as happy as can be after reading about your increase. See, but that is splendid. I only hope & pray that you will be comfortable & have all the convenices they give, only love, darling, take good care of yourself, take good care of my most precious jewel, and don't worry about me. I'm taking good care of myself, have everything I want and am getting business little by little. My uncle & Mr. Solomon are both helping me out a good deal, so you see, I am rather getting on fine, only of course, I'm very, very lonesome. I certainly am trying to work up a nice little practice so that I can call for you soon.

Honey, I have decided to join the Masons. I will have to have ($20) twenty dollars by the 5th of Feb. so if you will send me that amount, I will be able to go in with Dr. Lazear & the druggist. This $20 will be for the 1st degree and then in April & in May, the balance. By that time I feel sure I will be able to pay the $30, so that is why I've decided to join now. This $50 will be for the first 3 degrees only and then in the fall or begining of next year, if I can afford it, I'll go up for a 32nd ~~degree~~ shriner. Don't you think that it is best for me to join now? I didn't want to ask you for money, but I wanted to go in with Dr. Lazear, that's why I wanted to join so soon. If you feel you can't spare

the $20, don't send it and I'll go up some other time. As for the other lodges, I belong to one, and I was proposed in the other, the "Order Sons of Zion" in which I have applied for $500 insurance. I am trying for as much insurance as I can afford so that I can protect you as much as possible.

As for the Lazaars living in a swell place, permit me to disillusion you. They live on Beale St., the better section of it, which is mainly inhabited by negroes. The doctor wants to live there for a while because he is known already and its so near town. As soon as I am ready, we are both going to try & find a place near each other.

Well, Sootie mine, I'll close now, with all my love to my precious, sweetheart wifie,

Ever lovingly & longingly your
Hubby.